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Number of new godowns sanctioned by NABARD & NCDC in public, cooperative, private sector and farmers'share

SI.No.	Year	ubiic P	Coop.of farmers	Private		Total	Farmers' share
				Farmers	Others		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8(4+5)
1.	2001-02	-	320	-	-	320	320
2.	2002-03	100	531	490	405	1526	1021
3.	2003-04	200	75	1000	610	1885	1075
4.	Total new construction	300	926	1490	1015	3731	2416
5.	Renovation	-	1120	-	-	1120	1120
6.	Grand total	300	2046	1490	1015	4851	3536

Out of 4851 projects of new construction and renovation, 3536 projects belong to farmers.

Vegetable oil production

1039. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the vegetable oil seeds production is expected to make a. smart recovery by the end of this fiscal year;

(b) if so, the estimated production of vegetable oils as compared to last year;

(c) whether the production of Soyabean is also likely to jump this year because of good monsoon; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The crop sowing season for the year 2004-05 has just commenced and the production of oilseeds during Kharif season depends upon good monsoon. A production target of 262 lakh tonnes of oilseeds has been fixed for the current fiscal year. The production of vegetable oils depends upon the production of oilseeds in the country. Based on the oilseeds production target, the vegetable oils production during 2004-05 is expected to be around 88.00 lakh tonnes as compared to estimated production of 79.96 lakh tonnes during last year.

(c) and (d) It is too early to forecast the good production of soyabean in the country at this stage, as the monsoon has not been favourable so far in the major soyabean growing areas of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra.

Drought in Maharashtra

1040. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of persistent drought situation in several districts *oi* Maharashtra, the Maharashtra Government has requested for alloacation of funds for relief and mitigation measures;

(b) whether other drought-hit States like Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh have also made similar demands; and

(c) if so, the details of the drought-hit districts, indicating the population thereof and the relief and mitigation funds sought by each State during 2002-03 and 2003-04 and the extent of such aid granted by Central Government.

*THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While the Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Uttaranchal had submitted memoranda seeking Central assistance in the wake of drought of 2003-04, no memorandum for Central assistance was submitted by the Government of Rajasthan for allocations from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF).